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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, we were recently the subject of a graded OFSTED inspection and whilst we cannot share the outcome until the official letter is published, we can share some of the feedback which will help us to continue our development as a school.

The inspection was a positive experience for us and we are pleased with the judgements and the feedback that we received.

Our pupils (your children) represented themselves exceptionally well. They gave an open and honest evaluation of their experiences whilst conducting themselves immaculately. As a result, behaviour and attitudes within the school were seen as a really positive feature.

We were commended upon our approach to managing issues when they do arise and supporting our young people. Inspectors recognised that suspensions within the school were exceptionally low and this was as a result of our deliberate strategies and an inclusive approach in the best interests of all pupils.

Attendance within the school was also recognised for being above the local and national averages.

Within the classroom, they commended the subject knowledge demonstrated by our teachers and recognised that our curriculum was well-designed and appropriate for our pupils.

One area for further focus was that they felt, on occasion, we can expect even more of our pupils. They recognised the huge potential of the school and felt that if we were to push harder and expect more, then the progress of our pupils would soar.

We accept this feedback and acknowledge that some of our pupils could certainly work harder and apply themselves more within the classroom. I will be holding an assembly with our pupils next week to share and discuss this further.

To help address this, I have asked that our staff 'raise the bar' of expectations further and where pupils are not applying themselves, that we use our 'track-it' system to record where there is a lack of effort or hard-work. We will also continue to uphold the very highest standards of behaviour.

We are highly ambitious for our pupils, as I know you are. Therefore, it is important that we push harder and expect more to help them fulfil their potential. We would very much appreciate your support and if your child does receive an increase in negative track-it points for hard-work, please discuss this with them and encourage them to apply themselves to the best of their ability.

Our school culture, the ethos and positive atmosphere were highly complemented by the inspection team and we are proud of the school that we are. We do not wish for that to change, but ultimately, sometimes children and young people need to be held to account and we are confident that they will rise to the expectations that we place on them.

There are some other minor areas of development, such as the further development of 'pupil-voice' and leadership opportunities. We will continue to respond and implement some small changes over the coming months, to help us respond positively and continue to build on our success so that Winterton Community Academy is the very best school that it can be for your children.

I would finally like to thank all those parents and pupils who took the time to complete the online survey. Your feedback was hugely supportive and where there were comments for further improvement, they are well received and help us to improve even further. We will be conducting our annual parent survey in the next few weeks and as ever, your time in completing this is greatly appreciated.

I will share the formal letter when it is made available, in the meantime, thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Rowlands', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr K Rowlands
Headteacher